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EXAMINER: Ip, Sikyin
FOR: Oxidation Resistant and Burn Resistant Copper Metal Matrix Composites

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final office action mailed on 4 January 2007 and the Office Communication mailed on 11 July 2007. Please amend the subject application as follows:

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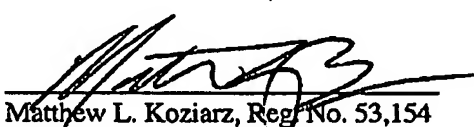
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The rejection of claim 26 should be withdrawn for the same reason as stated above that the reference does not disclose the claimed range of "about 55 to about 85 volume percent." The claimed range does not appear to overlap the range of *Akutsu*, which discloses at most 15 vol%.

Regarding claim 27, as described above, the claim does not even disclose a composition. The Examiner is improperly attempting to read limitations of other claims into claim 27. Thus, the Examiner's reasoning that the composition of *Akutsu* would exhibit the claimed property of a threshold burn resistant pressure of more than about 5,000 psi based on Applicant's claimed composition is unjustified. For this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Fees in the amount of \$200.00 for one additional independent claim may be charged to Deposit Account No. 21-0279 in the name of United Technologies Corporation. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0279 in the name of United Technologies Corporation for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,


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